

# The SQE – a reminder



- A single, robust examination
- Consistent high standards
- We will no longer specify routes to admission
- Introduction: September 2021



If you have started to train under old system, you have choice to continue, or to switch to SQE. In general, last QLD/CPE programmes start autumn 2021. Then, everyone must take SQE.



Details are complex - check them out on our website!

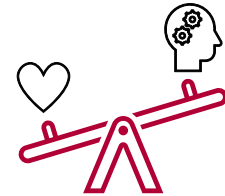
# SQE1 Functioning Legal Knowledge



Two 180-question  
examinations - 10  
hours in total



FLK - test ability to  
identify legal principles  
and apply them to  
client problems  
and transactions



Unflagged ethics  
questions  
throughout

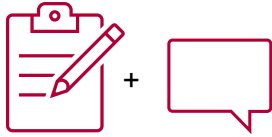
# SQE1 Functioning Legal Knowledge



- Business Law and Practice
- Dispute Resolution
- Contract
- Tort
- Legal System of England and Wales
- Public Law
- Legal Services



- Property Law and Practice
- Wills and Admin of Estates
- Solicitors Accounts
- Land Law
- Trust
- Criminal Law and Practice



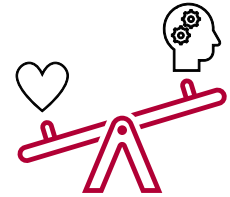
16 written and oral tests - 14 hours in total



Simulating tasks carried out by a solicitor in practice



Tests practical legal skills and functioning legal knowledge equally



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## Six skills assessed

- Client interviewing and attendance note
- Advocacy
- Case and matter analysis
- Legal research
- Legal writing
- Legal drafting



## Across five contexts

- Criminal Litigation
- Dispute Resolution
- Property Practice
- Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice
- Business organisation rules and procedures

# The training market



Variety and choice in solicitor training:

- Traditional delivery, online courses, integration between classroom and work-based learning
- Short focused courses or additional learning
- Trainee, apprenticeship, paralegal models



Closer collaboration between traditional universities and providers of professional legal education and/or law firms



New entrants to the market



Price competition

# Qualifying work experience (QWE)

- QWE is:
  - experience of providing legal services which helps a candidate develop some or all of the skills and knowledge set out in the Statement of Solicitor Competence
- It can be gained:
  - in up to four different organisations, in England and Wales, or overseas
- QWE must:
  - Last for at least two years (full time or equivalent)
  - Be confirmed by a COLP/solicitor – they are not ‘signing off’ on competence
- Candidates can now register any completed QWE





# Further resources



SQE assessment:  
[sqa.sra.org.uk](https://sqa.sra.org.uk)



Wider qualification  
info: [sra.org.uk/sqa](https://sra.org.uk/sqa)



SQE webinars:  
[youtube.com/SRA solicitors](https://youtube.com/SRA solicitors)



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